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31 August 1955

Honorable Hugh Mitchell
Statesville
North Carolina

Dear Senator Mitchell:

Mr. Walter Pforzheimer, our Legislative Counsel, has informed me of your telephone conversation yesterday in which you extended the kind invitation to Mr. Dulles to address the forthcoming convention of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America and to receive the Order's Certificate of Merit for Public Service.

Mr. Dulles is presently in Europe and the exact date of his return is uncertain. Tentatively, he is expected to arrive by the week-end of September 24-25 but it is entirely possible that he will be delayed beyond that. Naturally, I cannot commit him to a speaking engagement for which he would have such a short time to prepare and might, in fact, not even be in the United States at the time. However, I shall certainly bring your invitation to Mr. Dulles' attention upon his return and I know he will be disappointed that he was unable to be with you.

On Mr. Dulles' behalf, may I take this opportunity to wish your distinguished Order every good wish for a most successful convention at Richmond next month.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature Box]

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